

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell comprising:
 - a first planar manifold defined between a first gas-impermeable element and an active element;
 - a plurality of spacers disposed within said first planar manifold, each of said plurality of said spacers and said first gas-impermeable element having an orifice formed therethrough;
 - a second planar manifold defined between said first gas-impermeable element and a second gas-impermeable element in a subjacent relationship to said first planar manifold;

wherein a flow path is established from said second planar manifold, through said orifice, over across said active element, and back into to said first planar manifold.
2. (Original) The fuel cell of claim 1 further comprising an electrically conductive path extending through the fuel cell to provide continuity from said active element, through said plurality of spacers and said first gas-impermeable element to said second gas-impermeable element.

3. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell of claim 2 wherein said plurality of spacers are electrically conductive so as to establish said electrically conductive path.

4. (Original) The fuel cell of claim 3 wherein said electrically conductive path further comprises an electrically conductive filler disposed in a via formed through said first gas-impermeable element.

5. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell of claim 1 wherein said first gas-impermeable element is disposed in a substantially parallel spaced relation to said second gas-impermeable element such that said first planar manifold is substantially parallel with said second planar manifold.

6. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell of claim 1 further comprising a second plurality of spacers disposed within said second planar manifold.

7. (Original) The fuel cell of claim 1 wherein said plurality of spacers comprise a nested array of spacers disposed on said first gas-impermeable element.

8. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell of claim 1 further comprising a frame interposed between said first gas-impermeable element and said second gas-impermeable element.

9. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell of claim 1 wherein said plurality of spacers are equidistantly spaced on said first gas-impermeable element within said first planar manifold.

Claims 10-49 (Cancelled)